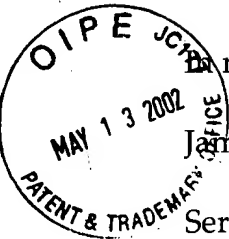


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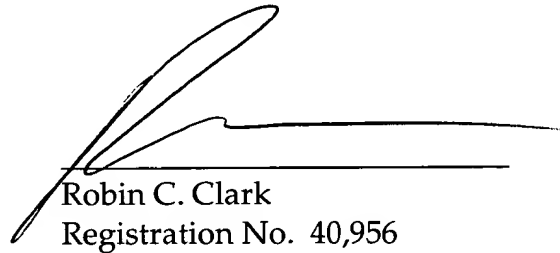
Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the enclosed references and that the Examiner indicate that the references have been considered in this application by returning a copy of the Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609.

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